## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

 A medical device comprising a polymer comprising a group of the formula:

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$$-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_{s-}]_{q-1}$$

wherein:

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n = 0 or 1; m = 0 or 1; p = 1-100,000; r = 0-100,000; s = 1-100,000;q = 1-100,000;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms; and

V is 
$$-O-Si(R)_2$$
- or  $R^1$ .

2. The medical device of claim 1 wherein p = 1-5000.

- 3. The medical device of claim 2 wherein p = 2-12.
- 4. The medical device of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group, an arylene group, or combinations thereof.

- 5. The medical device of claim 4 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group.
- 6. The medical device of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 100 carbon atoms.
  - 7. The medical device of claim 6 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 20 carbon atoms.
- 10 8. The medical device of claim 7 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing 2 to 20 carbon atoms.
- 9. The medical device of claim 1 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, an aryl group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms.
  - 10. The medical device of claim 9 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, optionally including heteroatoms.
- 11. The medical device of claim 10 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 12. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the polymer further comprises a urethane group, a urea group, or combinations thereof.
  - 13. The medical device of claim 12 wherein the polymer comprises a segmented polyurethane.
- 14. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the polymer is a30 biomaterial.

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15. The medical device of claim 14 wherein the polymer is substantially free of ether, ester, and carbonate linkages.

- 16. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the polymer is linear, branched, or crosslinked.
- 17. A medical device comprising a polymer prepared from a compound of the formula:

$$Y-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_s-]_q-R^5-Y$$

wherein:

each Y is independently OH or NR<sup>4</sup>H;

n = 0 or 1;

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m = 0 or 1;

p = 1-100,000;

r = 0-100,000;

s = 1-100,000;

q = 1-100,000;

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R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof; and V is -O-Si(R)<sub>2</sub>- or R<sup>1</sup>.

- 18. The medical device of claim 17 wherein p = 1-100.
  - 19. The medical device of claim 18 wherein p = 2-12.

- 20. The medical device of claim 17 wherein the number average molecular weight of the compound of the formula Y-[- $(R^1)_n$ -(-Z- $(R^2)_m$ -)<sub>p</sub>-(- $Si(R)_2$ - $V_r$ -)<sub>s</sub>-]<sub>q</sub>- $R^5$ -Y is no greater than about 100,000 grams/mole.
- 5 21. The medical device of claim 20 wherein the number average molecular weight of the compound of the formula Y-[- $(R^1)_n$ -(-Z- $(R^2)_m$ -)<sub>p</sub>-(- $Si(R)_2$ -V<sub>r</sub>-)<sub>s</sub>-]<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>5</sup>-Y is about 1000 grams/mole to about 1500 grams/mole.
- 10 22. The medical device of claim 17 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group, an arylene group, or combinations thereof.
- 23. The medical device of claim 22 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group.
  - 24. The medical device of claim 17 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 100 carbon atoms.
- 25. The medical device of claim 24 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 20 carbon atoms.

- 26. The medical device of claim 25 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing 2 to 20 carbon atoms.
- 27. The medical device of claim 17 wherein each R<sup>2</sup> includes at least two carbon atoms.
- 28. The medical device of claim 17 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, an aryl group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms.

- 29. The medical device of claim 28 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, optionally including heteroatoms.
- 30. The medical device of claim 29 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 31. The medical device of claim 17 wherein the polymer further comprises a urethane group, a urea group, or combinations thereof.
- 10 32. The medical device of claim 31 wherein the polymer comprises a segmented polyurethane.
  - 33. The medical device of claim 17 wherein the polymer is a biomaterial.

34. The medical device of claim 33 wherein the polymer is substantially free of ether, ester, and carbonate linkages.

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- 35. The medical device of claim 17 wherein each Y is OH.
- 36. The medical device of claim 17 wherein each R⁴ is independently H or a straight chain alkyl group.
- 37. The medical device of claim 36 wherein each R<sup>4</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 38. The medical device of claim 36 wherein each R<sup>4</sup> is H.
- 39. The medical device of claim 17 wherein the polymer is linear,30 branched, or crosslinked.

40. A polymer comprising a group of the formula:

$$-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_s-]_q-$$

5 wherein:

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n = 0 or 1; m = 0 or 1; p = 1-100,000; r = 0-100,000; s = 1-100,000; q = 1-100,000;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms; and

V is 
$$-O-Si(R)_2$$
- or  $R^1$ .

- 25 41. The polymer of claim 40 wherein p = 1-5000.
  - 42. The polymer of claim 40 wherein p = 2-12.
- 43. The polymer of claim 40 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group, an arylene group, or combinations thereof.

- 44. The polymer of claim 43 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group.
- 45. The polymer of claim 40 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing 2 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 46. The polymer of claim 40 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, an aryl group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms.

47. The polymer of claim 46 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, optionally including heteroatoms.

- 48. The polymer of claim 47 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 49. The polymer of claim 40 which is linear, branched, or crosslinked.
- 50. A polymer comprising a urethane group, a urea group, or combinations thereof, and a group of the formula:

$$-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_r-)_s-]_{q-1}$$

wherein:

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n = 0 or 1; m = 0 or 1; p = 1-100,000; r = 0-100,000; s = 1-100,000; q = 1-100,000;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms; and

V is 
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- or  $R^1$ .

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- 51. The polymer of claim 50 wherein p = 1-100.
- 52. The polymer of claim 51 wherein p = 2-12.
- 15 53. The polymer of claim 50 which is a segmented polyurethane.
  - 54. The polymer of claim 50 which is a biomaterial.
- 55. The polymer of claim 54 which is substantially free of ether, ester, and carbonate linkages.
  - 56. The polymer of claim 50 which is linear, branched, or crosslinked.
  - 57. A polymer prepared from a compound of the formula:

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$$Y-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_{s-}]_q-R^5-Y$$

wherein:

each Y is independently OH or NR⁴H;

n = 0 or 1;

m = 0 or 1;

p = 1-100,000;

r = 0-100,000;

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s = 1-100,000;
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$$q = 1-100,000;$$

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof; and V is -O-Si(R)<sub>2</sub>- or R<sup>1</sup>.

- 58. The polymer of claim 57 wherein p = 1-100.
- 20 59. The polymer of claim 58 wherein p = 2-12.
  - 60. The polymer of claim 57 wherein the number average molecular weight of the compound of the formula

Y-[-( $R^1$ )<sub>n</sub>-(-Z-( $R^2$ )<sub>m</sub>-)<sub>p</sub>-(-Si(R)<sub>2</sub>-V<sub>r</sub>-)<sub>s</sub>-]<sub>q</sub>- $R^5$ -Y is no greater than about 100,000 grams/mole.

61. The polymer of claim 57 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group, an arylene group, or combinations thereof.

62. The polymer of claim 61 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 100 carbon atoms.

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- 63. The polymer of claim 62 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 20 carbon atoms.
- 64. The polymer of claim 63 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing 2 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 65. The polymer of claim 57 wherein each R<sup>2</sup> includes at least two carbon atoms.
- 10 66. The polymer of claim 57 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, an aryl group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms.
- 67. The polymer of claim 66 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
  - 68. The polymer of claim 57 wherein each Y is OH.
- 69. The polymer of claim 57 wherein each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a straight chain alkyl group.
  - 70. The polymer of claim 57 which is linear, branched, or crosslinked.
  - 71. A compound of the formula:

 $Y-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_r-)_s-]_q-R^5-Y$ 

wherein:

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each Y is independently OH or NR<sup>4</sup>H; n = 0 or 1; m = 0 or 1; p = 1-100,000; r = 0-100,000; s = 1-100,000;

q = 1-100,000;

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R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof; and V is -O-Si(R)<sub>2</sub>- or R<sup>1</sup>.

- 72. The compound of claim 71 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently a straight chain alkylene group, an arylene group, or combinations thereof.
- 73. The compound of claim 72 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently groups containing up to 100 carbon atoms.
- 74. The compound of claim 72 wherein each R<sup>3</sup> is independently a straight chain alkyl group, an aryl group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms.
  - 75. The compound of claim 72 wherein each Y is OH.
  - 76. A method of making a polymer comprising a group of the formula

$$-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_s-]_q-$$

the method comprising combining an organic compound containing two or more groups capable of reacting with hydroxyl or amine groups with a polymeric starting compound of the formula:

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$$Y-[-(R^1)_{n}-(-Z-(R^2)_{m}-)_{p}-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r}-)_{s}-]_{q}-R^5-Y$$

wherein:

each Y is independently OH or NR<sup>4</sup>H;

n = 0 or 1;

m = 0 or 1;

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p = 1-100,000;

r = 0-100,000;

s = 1-100,000;

q = 1-100,000;

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof; and V is -O-Si(R)<sub>2</sub>- or R<sup>1</sup>.

30 77. A method of making a compound of the formula:

$$Y-[-(R^1)_n-(-Z-(R^2)_m-)_p-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r-})_s-]_q-R^5-Y$$

## wherein:

each Y is independently OH or NR⁴H;

n = 0 or 1;

m = 0 or 1;

p = 1-100,000;

r = 0-100,000;

s = 1-100,000;

q = 1-100,000;

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are each independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

Z is  $-C(R^3)_2$ - wherein each  $R^3$  is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms, wherein the two  $R^3$  groups within  $-C(R^3)_2$ - can be optionally joined to form a ring;

each R is independently a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof, optionally including heteroatoms;

each R<sup>4</sup> is independently H or a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof; and

V is  $-O-Si(R)_2$ - or  $R^1$ ;

the method comprising combining monomers of Formula II or Formula III

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$$R^{10}HC=CH-(R^{11})_{r'}-(-Si(R)_2-V_{r'})_s-(R^{12})_{s'}-CH=CHR^{13}$$
 (II)

$$R^{10}HC=CH-(R^{11})_{r'}-Z-(R^{12})_{s'}-CH=CHR^{13}$$
 (III)

30 wherein:

r, s, V, Z, and R are as defined above;

r' = 0 or 1;

s' = 0 or 1;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are each independently hydrogen or straight chain, branched, or cyclic alkyl groups containing up to 6 carbon atoms; and

R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are each independently a saturated aliphatic group, an aromatic group, or combinations thereof;

with an alkene metathesis catalyst and optionally applying a vacuum.

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